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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
(Docket No. 3265/857054198/74710)

I, a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**OBESITY GENE**

the specification of which:

(check one)  is attached hereto.  
 was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as  
Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of the claims of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 1.56(a) and 1.56(b)..

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<u>PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)</u>	<u>DATE FILED</u>	<u>PRIORITY CLAIMED</u>	
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GB Country			

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, USC 120 of any United States Patent application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35 USC 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge is true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.9(f) and § 1.27(d)) - NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION**

I hereby declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

NAME OF ORGANIZATION Medical Research Council

ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION 20 Park Crescent, London, W1N 4AL, UNITED KINGDOM

TYPE OF ORGANIZATION:

- University or other institution of higher education
- Tax exempt under Internal Revenue Service Code (26 U.S.C. 501(a) and 501(c)(3))
- Nonprofit scientific or educational under statute of state of the United States of America
- Would qualify as tax exempt under Internal Revenue Service Code (26 U.S.C. 501(a) and 501(c)(3)) if located in the United States of America
- Would qualify as a Nonprofit Scientific or Educational Institution under the laws of a State of the United States, if located in the United States

I hereby declare that the nonprofit organization identified above qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(e) for purposes of paying reduced fees under § 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, with regard to the invention entitled OBESITY GENE by inventors: Iain Clive Andrew Franklin Robinson, Jonathan Paul Stoye, David Flavell, Sara Elizabeth Wells and Paul Le Tissier described in

- the specification filed herewith
- Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.
- Patent No. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the nonprofit organization with regard to the above-identified invention.

If the rights held by the above identified nonprofit organization are not exclusive, each individual concern or organization having rights in the invention must file separate verified statements averring to their small entity status and that no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR § 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify, as a small business concern under 37 CFR § 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR § 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization having any rights in the invention is listed below:

       No such person, concern or organization exists.

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which stats as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing therein, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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